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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (Special Provisions) Bill —
Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2066/2 of 09th April 2018, which was presented on 05.06.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 08/2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2065/57 of 06th April 2018, which was presented on 05.06.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 09/2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/16 of 13th December 2017, which was presented on 05.06.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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Friday, July 06, 2018

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijeratne,— Preparing and implementing a programme to properly carryout disciplinary enquiries by Student Discipline Committees of Schools,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be prepared and implemented for taking action to carry out proper and impartial disciplinary enquiries into anti-disciplinary acts committed by school children as it is observed that some schools take steps to sack students from school without carrying out proper disciplinary enquiries into anti-disciplinary acts committed by those students thereby causing great injustice to such students disrupting their education and making most students mental patients due to severe mental pressure they are subjected to, and as there have been occasions where some children have become anti-social criminals who hate the entire teacher community as well as the entire society.

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Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Establishment of a state medical faculty affiliated to the Uva Wellassa University using Badulla General Hospital as a teaching hospital,— That this Parliament resolves that a state medical faculty be established affiliated to the Uva Wellassa University using Badulla General Hospital as a teaching hospital in order to strengthen the state education and health services since there are only 50% of the doctors required to maintain the country's health services at a optimum level are available and large number of students who obtain high marks in the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Biology stream are unable to enter the state medical faculties.

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Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Development of Nagoda General Hospital as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty at University of Moratuwa, — That this Parliament resolves that Nagoda General Hospital be developed as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty for University of Moratuwa since the Budget 2018 has proposed to build a medical faculty affiliated to University of Moratuwa.

P. 4/'18

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Compulsion of Dhamma School Education,— That this Parliament resolves that Sunday School Education up to grade 9 must be made compulsory to all the children according to their religion in order to curb abuse and juvenile offences which are spreading in a manner that is not suitable for a civilized society and to promote self-discipline.

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Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Abandoning of honorary titles of representatives of the people,— Since all representatives of the people representing the Parliament, the

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Provincial Councils, the Pradeshiya Sabhas including the President and the Prime Minister receive salaries and/or allowances monthly for the duties they perform, and since none of the holders of the above posts render an honorary service with altruistic concerns, and since the use of titles such as His Excellency, Honourable or Sir with the name or the post has become an object for ridicule, that this Parliament resolves that necessary action be pursued to discontinue the use of honorary titles of the representatives of the people.

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Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Holding all elections on the same day,— That this Parliament resolves whereas during the 22 year period from 1988 to 2010 an election of some kind has been held every year except for the years 1990, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2003 and 2007 whereas the holding of such elections is having a huge impact on every field such as economy and administration of the country, though it is a worthy criterion in gauging the public opinion, that an appropriate amendment be introduced to the Constitution to revise the official term of office of entities such as Local Government Authorities, the Parliament and the Presidency and to devise an appropriate system of election, enabling the holding of elections for them on the same day.

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Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to strengthen Parliamentary Democracy, — That this Parliament resolves that an amendment to the Constitution required to design a system to ensure the representation of the heads of the Local Government Bodies in the Provincial Councils and the heads of Provincial Councils in the Parliament, be introduced for the maintenance of proper coordination between the Parliament and the Provincial Councils and between the Provincial Councils and the Local Government Bodies in order to make democracy in the country more stronger.

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Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Commencing a national programme to conserve the traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be commenced, jointly by the relevant sectors including the Biodiversity Unit and the National Intellectual Property Office, by obtaining information from people representing various sectors such as systems of medicine, agriculture, food preservation and handicrafts where traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people is used, to conserve such knowledge.

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Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Promoting Buddhist Bhikku Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be formulated to establish separate Bhikku Education Institutions specially meant for improving Buddhist Monks' oratorical skills, listening skills, computer literacy and their knowledge on psychology and counseling, in addition to the existing Bhikku Education Institutions, with a view to promoting their knowledge on Dhamma.

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Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing new technology to popularize rice flour instead of wheat flour among the public,— That this Parliament resolves that with the aim of retaining the huge amount of wealth drained from this country to foreign countries on wheat flour, to popularize food prepared with rice flour which could be used as a substitute, and to grind rice which is a fibrous type of grain more finely similar to the consistency of wheat flour, machinery and new technology of the type used to grind wheat flour be introduced.

P.11/'18

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Broadening public attitudes on Sri Lankan/local cookery in the country,— That this Parliament resolves that a broad attitudinal change should be effected in the public about the Sri Lankan/local cookery and culinary arts by introducing measures such as the inclusion of Sri Lankan Cookery/Culinary Arts as a subject in the curricula of schools, universities and tertiary educational institutions, making new discoveries through the promotion of research with the intervention of both public and private sector and the creation of Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Post-graduate courses with the involvement of the institutions connected to the field with a view to changing the public attitudes towards the Sri Lankan Cookery/Culinary Arts sector.

P.12/'18

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Including the subject of psychology in the school curriculum,— That this parliament resolves that a subject named “Psychology and Meditation”, a methodically planned combination of Buddhist psychology and Western psychology be introduced to the school curriculum to be taught from Grade six in order to mould the student community into a group who can take intelligent decisions with healthy minds.

P.13/'18

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating outdated laws and regulations currently being in operation in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that since laws and regulations introduced during the Colonial Era are still in operation, that committees be appointed to review such laws and regulations and a national programme be implemented to update outdated penalties, fines etc.

P. 14/'18

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to create national integrity,— That this Parliament resolves that, with the aim of promoting national integrity, a national programme be implemented with the assistance of the state and private electronic and print media to commence the conducting of the Sinhala language training programmes in areas where the Tamil speaking people live and the Tamil language training programmes where the Sinhala speaking people live with the assistance of Government, non-government and private institutions.

P.15/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme for the enhancement of the standards of cricket tournaments conducted at school and sports club levels,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated for the enhancement of the standards of the cricket tournaments conducted at school and sports club levels in view of finding out competent players for the national team as Cricket in Sri Lanka has encountered a serious collapse since the past few years.

P.16/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in the Buddhist temples of rural areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in rural Buddhist temples since most of the Buddhist temples in the rural areas of Sri Lanka are in an extremely low economic level.

P.17/'18

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Construction of new buildings for the grade one pupils of the popular schools situated within the city of Kandy,— That this Parliament resolves that new buildings be speedily constructed to hold the grade one classes of the prominent schools within the city of Kandy, as admission of children to those schools have become very difficult despite the large number of applications for admission to grade one, due to the limited space available in those schools.

P.18/'18

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Systematic expansion of the Free Industrial Parks of Pallekale, Kandy,— That this Parliament resolves that since a large number of youth are affected by unemployment in the Kandy District and it is necessary to arrange employment opportunities for them without delay, the two Free Industrial Parks located in Pallekale, Kandy should be streamlined expeditiously in order to make opportunities for more people to get employment.

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Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Re-establishing the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made expeditiously to re-establish the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission in a streamlined manner in order to remedy the injustices caused to Up-country people as the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission which was established for the purpose of granting relief to residents of Up-country areas who were rendered destitute during the imperial regime reached an inactive state in the period of the last Government.

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Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Implementation of existing laws in order to stop ragging that is presently taking place in all universities,— That this Parliament resolves that, in order to completely prevent ragging that new students have to experience within or outside universities, law should be implemented in terms of Prohibition of Ragging and Other Forms of Violence in Educational Institutions Act, No. 20 of 1998 against those who engage in ragging.

P.21/'18

Hon.(Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Establishment of a special unit to curtail the circulation of pornographic videos in the internet,— That this parliament resolves that an effective special unit be set up within the Criminal Investigation Division to investigate in to the individuals who create, distribute and keep the pornographic videos, since the privacy of the people is damaged and the women are mostly inconvenienced seeing that various pornographic videos are circulated, presently in the internet, in abundance.

P.22/'18

Hon.(Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Appointment of counselors or advisors with special training in mental health to Universities and all other higher education institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that either trained mental health counselors and advisors be appointed to all state education institutes or a special training on psychological counseling be provided to teachers who are already employed in such institutes in order to curb the suicide trend which appears to be common among the youth and students at present.

P.23 /'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Launching an expeditious programme to preserve the costal belt of Puttlam district,— That this parliament resolves that an expeditious programme should be launched to protect the coastal belt of Puttlam district even though the Puttlam district has been endowed with a very beautiful coastal belt, it has been polluted owing to sea erosion, destruction of mangrove and illegal constructions.

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Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Launching a programme to restore the reputation that the Puttlam district used to have in Volleyball,— That this parliament resolves that since there is a certain set back, a programme should be launched to restore the esteem that the Puttlam district used to have attributable to the talents shown by the school volleyball players in national and international games, nearly a decade ago.

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Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishing a canned fish factory in Puttalam district,— That this Parliament resolves that a canned fish factory to be established in Puttalam district as all the resources required to establish a canned fish factory are available in the district and to prevent the outflow of foreign exchange spent to import canned fish annually as well as to provide the required protein to fulfill the nutritional needs of the people.

P.26/' 18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Extending the Colombo-Katunayake Expressway up to Chilaw,— That this Parliament resolves that the Expressway that currently runs from Colombo to Katunayake should be extended up to Chilaw in order to expedite the development drive in Puttalam district, which is rapidly developing under the present Good Governance government and since Expressways are vital for the development of a country.

P.27/' 18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Implementing a kumbuk tree plantation project in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals in North-Western Province – That this parliament resolves that a plantation project of Kumbuk trees that are having a long life span and are capable of preserving soil water and lessening the soil erosion, be initiated in the catchment areas of lakes , rivers and canals.

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Hon . Ashoka Priyantha,— Taking immediate measures to fulfill the basic needs of the people who are living in Baththalangunduwa island – That this Parliament resolves that, as no attention has been drawn so far to the basic needs of the fishing community that is living in Baththalangunduwa island which is a main island situated in the close proximity of Kalpitiya peninsula in Puttalam District of North-Western Province, immediate measures be taken under current Good Governance Government to uplift the living standards of the fishing community by providing them with the basic needs.

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Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Stopping the Battery Cage system utilized by the Poultry Farmers,— That this Parliament resolves that required measures be taken to put an end to the gravely inhuman method of Battery Cage system utilized by certain Poultry Farmers today, which engenders severe torture on the part of the animals, and also which endangers the livelihoods of small scale poultry farmers through excessive production of eggs considering also the fact that Sri Lanka has been a Buddhist country extending compassion for animals since the past.

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Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Initiating an expeditious programme to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry due to the fact that a huge amount of money is spent annually for the importation of milk powder and if that amount was retained in the country it could greatly be beneficial the economy of the country

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Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Initiating an expeditious programme to conserve the places with archaeological value situated in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be initiated to conserve the archaeological places in Kurunegala district in the North Western Province, a district claiming a proud history, in which a number of sites of archaeological value are situated and even kingdoms of Kurunegala, Dambedeniya and Yapahuwa were established in the past due to the fact that serious problems have arisen by now in regard to the protection of the aforesaid historical sites.

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Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Implementation of a broad Social security network embracing all sectors,— That this parliament resolves that a broad social security network embracing all sectors should be introduced since no any social security scheme is in force for the informal sector employees although a pension scheme or Employees Provident Fund Scheme is in operation for the state and private sector employees of Sri Lanka in view of the fact that it is important to have a social security scheme for the citizens of any country.

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

48/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether 50 licenses were issued for the import of gold as per proposal No.181 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) if so, whether a detailed report containing the names and addresses of licensees and the license fees paid by them;
 - (iii) whether he will submit a report on the price of gold in the world market from 1977 up to now;
 - (iv) the names of persons who import gold to Sri Lanka free of duties; and
 - (v) the names of major suppliers and countries from whom gold is imported by Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

164/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately, in respect of each year—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankan students who have gone abroad to pursue medical degrees from the year 2009 to-date;
 - (ii) the foreign medical faculties to which they have gained admission and the number of students who have gained admission to them; and
 - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange lost to the country due to said foreign medical education?
- (b) If not, why?

201/18

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of deaths;
 - (ii) the number of people who were disabled;
 - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid to the victims by the government;
 - (iv) the amount of compensation paid for a deceased person by the government;
 - (v) the maximum and minimum compensation paid for damaged houses;
 - (vi) whether permanent houses have been given for all the people who were displaced; and
 - (vii) the closest date on which a permanent house was given to a displaced family;
- in the Meeriyabedda landslide that occurred in Badulla District in 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

221/18

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is an ancient cemetery located in the Akbovil area of Mamadu, Vavuniya;
 - (ii) the aforementioned cemetery has been marked by the Department of Archaeology; and
 - (iii) the aforementioned cemetery and artefacts located there have been damaged as a result of a recent incident in which teak trees in the said area were felled?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether legal action has been taken against those who are responsible for the destruction of ancient artefacts situated on the aforementioned cemetery; and
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken to protect the aforesaid artefacts in future?
- (c) If not, why?

246/18

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of sites with archaeological value located in Ratnapura district;
 - (ii) the names of those places; and
 - (iii) the steps taken to conserve those sites after the present Good Governance government came to power?
- (b) If not, why?

320/18

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a survey has been conducted on the Gaadi community, living in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions in which aforesaid people live; and
 - (iii) separately, of the number of families and individuals?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the government has intervened in to the housing and land issues of aforesaid people;
 - (ii) if so, in which manner; and
 - (iii) whether government has supported aforesaid people to live, securing their cultural identities and traditional heritage?

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- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether government has taken steps towards the upliftment of economic conditions and livelihood development of Gaadi people; and
 - (ii) if so, in which manner?
- (d) If not, why?

396/18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,—To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether she is aware that an interview was conducted by the Department of Prisons in the year 2016 for the recruitment for the post of Prison guard;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of applicants selected for the relevant posts on the basis of the results of interviews conducted from 19.10.2016 to 27.10.2016 and the structured interview conducted from 03.11.2016 to 12.11.2016;
 - (iii) as to why the process of recruitment was postponed in spite of the fact that the qualified applicants have been informed by the Department of Prisons that the recruitments have been made for the said posts and asking them to sign the particular contracts on 24.11.2016; and
 - (iv) of the reason for not hitherto making the appointments thus postponed?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) as to why letters of contract have been provided to the qualified appointees putting them into further difficulty, in spite of the prevalence of the problematic condition obstructing this process;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that the qualified applicants have been subjected to severe difficulty owing to not giving the appointments;
 - (iii) if so, whether measures will be taken to make the appointments once again; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the date on which the first LTTE terrorist attack was carried out;
 - (ii) the place of that attack;
 - (iii) against whom it was directed; and
 - (iv) the number of lives lost in the said attack?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the first attack carried out by the LTTE targeting civilians;
 - (ii) the date such attack was carried out;
 - (iii) the place of the attack; and
 - (iv) the number of lives lost in the said attack?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the first attack carried out by the LTTE targeting a place of worship;
 - (ii) the date such attack was carried out;
 - (iii) the place of the attack; and
 - (iv) the number of lives lost in the said attack?
- (d) Will he state whether he will submit a comprehensive report of all the above?
- (e) If not, why?

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Jayah Maha Vidyalaya in Anuradhapura District is one that is encompassed by the “One Thousand Schools Development Project”;
 - (ii) at present, only the technical building relevant to the Project has been constructed; and
 - (iii) other buildings pertaining to the Project have not been constructed so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the reasons for not constructing the other buildings pertaining to the Project concerned; and
 - (ii) the date on which action will be taken to construct the buildings concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

454/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a contract or a letter of agreement is available between the Google company and the government of Sri Lanka in regard to the “Google Loon” Project which was proposed to be implemented in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the basis on which the government decided to select the Google company for this;
 - (iii) the facilities that the Sri Lankan government provided or agreed to provide for the aforesaid project;
 - (iv) the amount spent by the Sri Lankan government for the aforesaid project ;
 - (v) the cause which effected the crash of the balloon launched into the sky by the Google company;
 - (vi) whether a report has been issued having carried out an investigation in that regard;
 - (vii) whether the Google company has stated that they have given up this project;
 - (viii) if so, the financial and other losses that have been incurred as a result of the breach of the relevant contract or agreement; and
 - (ix) the person or persons on whom the responsibility of the aforesaid losses lies?
- (b) If not, why?

494/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately the number of Ayurveda hospitals and Ayurveda medical centres which are run under the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforementioned hospitals and medical centres;
 - (iii) separately the number of employees working in the aforementioned hospitals and medical centres at present;
 - (iv) of the number of jobs given to people at Ayurveda hospitals and medical centres in the Province after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister; and
 - (v) of the names, addresses and designations of persons who were given jobs in the above manner?
- (b) If not, why?

520/18

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the Excise Income of the year 2016 as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Production;
 - (ii) the income earned through the taxes imposed on the production of tobacco and cigarettes in the year 2016 as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Production; and
 - (iii) the income of (i) and (ii) above respectively in rupees millions in comparison with the figures of the previous years?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the malt alcohol production of the year 2016 in liters;
 - (ii) whether permits have been issued for companies for the year 2016 to initiate liquor production de novo; and
 - (iii) if so, of the number of aforesaid permits and the names of the said companies?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institution and the authority that is vested with the power to conduct the raids under the Excise Law;
 - (ii) as to who is vested with the authority to take legal measures with pertinence to illicit liquor raided; and
 - (iii) of the duties entrusted to them?
- (d) If not, why?

530/18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 57% of the total taxes of the country are collected by the Sri Lanka Customs;
 - (ii) a higher percentage of the aforesaid taxes are vehicle import taxes;
 - (iii) vehicle importers adopt various tactics to evade the payment of taxes; and
 - (iv) regulations have been imposed even by the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No.1901/3 dated 10.02.2015 in addition to the Gazette Notifications which have been issued by now to prevent this situation?
- (b) Will he admit that —
 - (i) however, racketeers have been provided with opportunity by the Gazette Notification No. 1933/6 dated 22.09.2015 to act as they wish;

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- (ii) an income of more than 8000 million rupees can be collected if an inquiry is conducted in regard to the 1000 undervalued vehicles that have been detected by the customs officers upon the mandate given to them as per the Gazette Notification mentioned in a (iv); and
- (iii) the country has lost a huge income since 21.09.2016 on which date all Customs investigations were temporarily suspended as per an order issued by the Director General of Customs?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to abolish the order mentioned in a (iv) above?
- (d) If not, why?

961/18

Hon. Prasanna Ranathunga,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he accepts the fact that teacher training programs are very helpful in nurturing the teachers in new knowledge;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry of Education organized teacher training programs in zonal levels on subject basis, in years 2015, 2016 and 2017; and
 - (iii) separately, of the number of teacher training programs so organized, the subjects and the costs incurred?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) separately, in respect of each school of the number of teachers in Minuwangoda Education zone of Western province by the date of 06.06.2016;
 - (ii) separately, in respect of each subject, of the number of teacher training programs held and the costs incurred in years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (iii) whether the number of teacher training programs conducted and the amount of money allocated are adequate;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the funds can not be allocated for teacher training programs out of the decentralized funds of the Members of the Parliament; and
 - (v) whether a policy decision enabling the allocation of funds for teacher training programs out of the decentralized funds of the members of the Parliament will be taken, considering same as a national requirement?
- (c) If not, why?

962/18

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon,—To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the 2018 budget proposal to 100% open the shipping industry to foreign companies is agreed to by;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to stop this opening as informed in a letter by the Ceylon Association of Ships Agencies (CASA) to the responsible officials of the government; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken to prevent a monopoly of shipping companies coming into effect?
- (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, July 18, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5/18

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the instances where the Renewable Energy Authority issues the licenses to generate solar power with storage facilities in the first instance and changing the same in to solar PV licenses later;
 - (ii) of the manner in which the Director Board approval is obtained in aforesaid instances;
 - (iii) separately, of the members of the Board of Directors who granted the approval in each of the aforesaid instances;
 - (iv) whether he accepts that the aforesaid process is fraudulent or corrupt;
 - (v) of the measures taken to evade the injustices caused to the other solar power generating applicants due to the aforesaid process; and
 - (vi) whether he accepts the fact that it is erroneous to enter into agreements to purchase electricity at the cost of Rs.23 .10 per unit, while having the possibility of generating solar power at a low cost?
- (b) If not, why?

22/18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of provincial schools in the Kandy district;
 - (ii) of the names of the abovementioned schools;
 - (iii) of the number of teachers employed in each of the abovementioned schools;
 - (iv) of the number of vacancies for teachers in each of the abovementioned schools; and
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the vacancies for teachers in the Kandy district mentioned in (iv) above?
- (b) If not, why?

136/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of irrigation systems located in Matale district Central Provincial Council;
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid irrigation systems;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of families benefitted from each aforesaid irrigation systems;
 - (iv) separately, of the number of acres of lands cultivated with the help of each irrigation system; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated by the Central Provincial Council for the development of irrigation systems of Matale district, from year 2010 to date?
- (b) If not, why?

236/18

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) what garbage hills have been formed by the disposal of waste by local authority institutions in addition to the one in Meethotamulla;
 - (ii) what local authorities they belong to;
 - (iii) what extents of garbage exist in these garbage hills; and
 - (iv) whether there are hills of risky status among them?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether these will be left to grow by dumping waste further;
 - (ii) if not, whether any course of action has been initiated under the Ministry of Local Government for it;
 - (iii) whether there is a move to secure local and foreign investments for this;
 - (iv) if so what they are; and
 - (v) if a course of action has been commenced by now, what its progress is?
- (c) If not, why?

321/18

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Jayabhoomi Deeds for two acres plot of land for each were granted to Rathugala indigenous people, with the signature of then President on 2nd may 1997;
 - (ii) they have not been granted the ownership of aforesaid lands, up to now; and
 - (iii) officials, irrespective of the demarcations made by aforesaid deeds, have surveyed and demarcated the forest?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to grant aforesaid people with ownership rights of the lands which were granted on Jayabhoomi deeds; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the permission has been given to aforesaid indigenous people to hunt and find other types of food items in forests;
 - (ii) whether restrictions have been imposed in that regard;
 - (iii) if so, of aforesaid restrictions; and
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to relax aforesaid restrictions?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to uplift the living standards of aforesaid indigenous people; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid measures?
- (e) If not, why?

385/18

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he acknowledges that there has been a collapse of education of children of workers living in plantation sector though there has been a development in education of rural schools;
 - (ii) the measures taken during the previous regime from 2010 to 2014 to uplift education of schools in the plantation sector;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on that;
 - (iv) the number of teachers recruited during that period for that purpose; and
 - (v) separately, in respect of the Kandy, Nuwaraeliya, Badulla and Ratnapura districts, the amount of money spent on plantation schools by the government and the number of teachers recruited from January 2015 to date?
- (b) If not, why?

419/18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) how many places of archaeological interest are located in the Puttlam District;
 - (ii) in how many places conservation activities are being undertaken out of the aforesaid sites;
 - (iii) what amounts were allocated in the years 2015 and 2016 for this purpose, separately;
 - (iv) what places of archaeological interest were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists;
 - (v) if an assessment of such destructions has been done, what the estimated value is in respect of each site separately.
 - (vi) whether legal measures have been taken in respect of these destructions; and
 - (vii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

443/18

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the import tax per litre of kerosene oil charged by the government in importing kerosene oil;
 - (ii) whether the government charges any taxes other than the import tax for kerosene oil;
 - (iii) if so, what those taxes are; and
 - (iv) the amount charged as taxes per litre, as per each type of tax?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of taxes charged by the government on a litre of kerosene oil as a percentage of the retail price of a litre of kerosene oil; and
 - (ii) of the retail price at which kerosene oil could be provided to the public if all taxes charged by the government on kerosene oil were lifted?
- (c) If not, why?

485/18

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the cinemas that are currently in operation in the island;
 - (ii) the places they are located; and
 - (iii) the name/s of the owner/s and dates of establishment of each cinema, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a classification of cinemas located all around the country;
 - (ii) if so, in what manner;
 - (iii) who regulate/s these cinemas;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that there are cinemas that are run with poor functioning under low facilities;
 - (v) if so, whether he will formulate a proper methodology for the operation of cinemas in an orderly manner; and
 - (vi) if so, in what way?
- (c) If not, why?

495/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of buses operated under the Uva Province Road Passenger Transport Authority;
 - (ii) of the number of people working at the Road Passenger Transport Authority at present;
 - (iii) of the names and addresses of the officers employed there at present;
 - (iv) of the number of jobs given after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister and the names and addresses of the recipients of those jobs;
 - (v) of the number of bus permits given after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister and the names and addresses of the recipients of those permits; and
 - (vi) of the methodology adopted for the above?
- (b) If not, why?

511/18

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that USA has taken action to withdraw from the Paris Agreement 2015 on Global Warming?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the most profitable method of power generation is the power generation from coal;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that the power generation from coal has not been banned by the Paris Agreement; and
 - (iii) if so, of the reasons for not constructing another state of the art coal power plant in Trincomalee or Hambantota?
- (c) If not, why?

555/18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Tamil medium schools in Puttalam district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) of the number of teachers serving in each school at present;
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that there is severe shortage of teachers in Tamil medium schools in Puttalam district; and
 - (v) if so, the measures that will be taken by the ministry to minimize the teacher shortage ?
- (b) If not, why?

574/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a programme has been implemented by the Ministry to construct houses or complete the construction of partially built houses for kidney patients in Kurunegala district where kidney disease is spreading, as those kidney patients have to spend a lot of money for their drugs;
 - (ii) if so, the names and addresses of the persons who received assistance, as per Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (iii) of the steps taken by the Ministry for island wide extension of this programme in future?
- (b) If not, why?

960/18

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit the fact that an injustice has been caused to the people living in the up country owing to the abolition of the Upcountry Peasantry Rehabilitation Department established to develop the upcountry region, by the previous government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the development benefits accrued to the upcountry region by the Upcountry Development Authority;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated to that Authority;
 - (iii) the functions performed and the projects implemented by that Authority;
 - (iv) the people held the post of Chairman and held institutional responsibilities of the upcountry Development Authority;
 - (v) the jobs and the number of jobs given to the people of the poor villages in the upcountry region by the Upcountry Development Authority; and
 - (vi) the number and the names of projects initiated by the Upcountry Development Authority to enhance the quality of life of the people in poor villages?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is intended to recommence the Upcountry Peasantry Rehabilitation Department; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that telecasting teledramas, films or advertisements with visuals of drinking alcohol or smoking is prohibited in terms of National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act, No. 27 of 2006?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) if so, on episode of the “Swetha Gantheera” teledrama telecast on Independent Television Network controlled by the Ministry of Mass Media between 7.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. on 11.02.2017 showed very clearly an actress was smoking;
 - (ii) such scenes, specially scenes of women smoking might be a stimulation for smoking; and
 - (iii) government controlled media institution has violated the provisions of an Act passed by Parliament?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether a formal investigation would be conducted on that episode of the teledrama and steps taken to prevent such things from happening in future?
- (d) If not, why?

Thursday, July 19, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the sketch of the digital identity card proposed to be introduced through proposal No.187 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) of the issuing authority of that identity card;
 - (iii) of the estimated cost of providing identity cards to the citizens;
 - (iv) by which party such cost would be borne; and
 - (v) of the amount allocated from the State budget to implement the digital identity card scheme in 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

165/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of prisoners released on special presidential pardon during the period 2006-2015, each year separately;
 - (ii) whether the list of their names and the charges that led to the imprisonment be presented; and
 - (iii) of those pardoned, the number of prisoners convicted of murder, rape and child abuse separately?
- (b) If not, why?

202/18

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the value by which the Sri Lankan Rupee depreciated in relation to the US dollar from 09.01.2015 to 30.11.2017; and
 - (ii) the amount in rupees by which the foreign debt burden of the government increased due to the depreciation of the Rupee during the said period?
- (b) If not, why?

222/18

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the knuckles range received world heritage status on conditions from the United Nations Organization through the Gazette Notification No. 1130/22 dated 05.05.2000;
 - (ii) according to the main condition of the above conditions, an area with an extent of 2000 acres belonging to 8 Divisional Secretariat Divisions namely Minipe, Panvila, Pathadumbara, Laggala, Wilgamuwa, Rattota, Ukuwela and Matale in the close proximity to the knuckles range have not been amalgamated with it; and
 - (iii) as a result, the knuckles range faces the threat of being delisted from world heritage status?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to amalgamate the above 2000 acres with the knuckles range in order to prevent it from being delisted from world heritage status; and
 - (ii) if so, the current status of it?
- (c) If not, why?

247/18

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions that got affected in the Ratnapura District as a result of unfavorable weather conditions which were prevalent in 2017;
 - (ii) of the names of those Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (iii) separately of the number of families affected in each of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions; and
 - (iv) of the steps taken by the Ministry to grant them relief?
- (b) If not, why?

322/18

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) officers of the Department of Inland Revenue who come to Colombo for training programmes of the said Department are not provided with proper accommodation facilities;
 - (ii) the allowances that are paid to them for this purpose are not adequate; and
 - (iii) as a result, these officers have faced up with difficulties?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) in what places the aforesaid officers are given accommodation when participating in training programmes;
 - (ii) whether complaints have been received from the officers regarding those places; and
 - (iii) if so, what measures were taken regarding those complaints?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will take steps to provide such officers with suitable accommodation;
 - (ii) if so, in what manner;
 - (iii) whether he will take steps to raise the training allowances, transport allowances and other allowances paid to these officers; and
 - (iv) if so, from what date?
- (d) If not, why?

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of Cabinet Ministers in the present government according to the last Cabinet reshuffle;
 - (ii) of the number of State Ministers and Deputy Ministers, separately;
 - (iii) how many Members of Parliament are assigned with Ministerial monitoring tasks;
 - (iv) of the total amount of money spent for each Cabinet Minister annually; and
 - (v) whether the National Budget for the year 2017 has allocated funds for the Ministries newly added during the Cabinet reshuffle; and
 - (vi) if so, what amount of money was allocated for the purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many places of archaeological interest are located in the Mannar District;
 - (ii) in how many places conservation activities are being carried out of the aforesaid sites;
 - (iii) what amounts were allocated in the years 2015 and 2016 for this purpose, separately;
 - (iv) what places of archaeological interest were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists;
 - (v) if an assessment of such destructions has been done, what the estimated value is in respect of each site separately.
 - (vi) whether legal measures have been taken in respect of these destructions; and
 - (vii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

429/18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Minister of Highways & Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that though many years have been passed since the completion of the reconstruction of the stretch of road from Kekirawa town to Anuradhapura via Thalawa (Thalawa Road), Ipalogama from that point has not yet been developed;
 - (ii) of the reason as to why the development of this road, which has a considerable volume of traffic has come to a standstill; and
 - (iii) the date of commencement of work of the remaining development activities of this road?
- (b) If not, why?

455/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of complaints received by the Financial Crimes Investigation Division from 2015 to 30th June, 2017 separately in respect of each year?
- (b) Will he state separately in respect of each year from 2015 to 30th June, 2017—
- (i) the number of complaints regarding which investigations have been completed, investigations are being conducted and investigations are yet to be commenced;
 - (ii) the number of complaints which cases have been filed in courts;
 - (iii) the number of cases referred to the Attorney-General for legal action or advice;
 - (iv) the number of complaints which no advice has been received to date from the Attorney-General; and
 - (v) of the cases filed, the number connected with politicians?
- (c) If not, why?

496/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the Uva Provincial Council has initiated a programme to grant land deeds;
 - (ii) if so, the number of deeds granted by the current Chief Minister of the Uva Provincial Council since his appointment to the post of Chief Minister;
 - (iii) the names, addresses and the Grama Niladhari divisions of residence of the recipients of the deeds; and
 - (iv) the methodology adopted by the Provincial Council to grant these land deeds?
- (b) If not, why?

521/'18

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount allocated to provide dialysis machines to hospitals for the benefit of kidney patients from the budget for year 2017;
 - (ii) of the number of dialysis machines provided to government hospitals by mid 2017;
 - (iii) of the date when rest of the machines will be provided;
 - (iv) whether a proper tender procedure has been followed for the purpose; and
 - (v) if so, the suppliers and their rates?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the amount allocated in year 2017 to implement projects to manufacture drugs within the country; and
 - (ii) of the plans made / studies carried out to launch the above programme ?
- (c) If not, why?

531/18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he accepts that with the decentralized funds of the Members of Parliament, roofing sheets were distributed free, among the low income earning families who are residing in the Divisional Secretariat divisions;
 - (ii) whether distribution of roofing sheets by the Members of Parliament with the decentralized funds, has been banned;
 - (iii) if so, of the reasons led for aforesaid situation; and
 - (iv) whether aforesaid ban will be lifted and measures will be taken to distribute roofing sheets through Members of Parliament, as it used to be?
- (b) If not, why?

556/18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date each local government institution in Puttalam district in North Western Province was dissolved, separately;
 - (ii) whether employees have been recruited, to continue the services of the local government bodies after they were dissolved;
 - (iii) if so, the names and addresses of those persons as well as the positions they were recruited for; and
 - (iv) whether it has been carried out in accordance with the provisions of the establishment code and the financial regulations?
- (b) If not, why?

578/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money spent on milk powder imports to Sri Lanka from the year 2010 up to now separately in respect of each year; and
 - (ii) the names of companies that import milk powder to Sri Lanka and the names of their products?
- (b) If not, why?
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Friday, July 20, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

23/18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of stalls established by the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation in the Kandy District from year 2010 to date;
 - (ii) of the locations of the abovementioned stalls;
 - (iii) separately the annual income and expenditure of each of the aforementioned stalls; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to increase the number of fisheries stalls in the Kandy District?
- (b) If not, why?

50/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a Special Purpose Company was established as per the proposal No. 189 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) if so, the name of that company;
 - (iii) the objectives mentioned in the Memorandum of Association of the aforesaid company;
 - (iv) the main directives mentioned in Articles of Association of the aforesaid company; and
 - (v) the names of the directors of the aforesaid company?
- (b) If not, why?

137/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Social Welfare and Primary Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) there is a village called Upper Liggala in the Galewela area;
 - (ii) majority of the residents of the said village make a living by engaging in brick making; and
 - (iii) people living in the aforesaid village are now facing grave difficulties when engaging in the said industry due to the severe drought prevalent at present, increase in the prices of raw material and the increase in the cost of transportation?

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- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to resolve the issues faced by people living in the said village?
- (c) If not, why?

166/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an internal inquiry was conducted by the Navy against Naval Lieutenant Y.K. Rajapakse (NRX 2431);
 - (ii) if so, when;
 - (iii) of the allegations against him;
 - (iv) whether he was dismissed from the Navy owing to those allegations or whether his service was terminated; and
 - (v) the date on which he was expelled or his service terminated?
- (b) If not, why?

203/18

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of the landslide occurred at Aranayake in the Kegalle district in the year 2016—
 - (i) the number of persons killed;
 - (ii) the number of persons who became disabled;
 - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid by the government to affected persons;
 - (iv) the amount of compensation paid by the government on behalf a deceased person;
 - (v) the maximum and minimum compensation paid to damaged houses;
 - (vi) whether permanent housing has been paid to all displaced persons; and
 - (vii) the nearest date on which a permanent house was granted to a displaced family?
- (b) If not, why?

248/18

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools in Ratnapura District , which comes under the purview of Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) whether there are schools that were commenced anew since the present Chief Minister of Sabaragamuwa Province took his office;

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- (iv) if so, the names of the aforesaid schools along with the number of teachers who are employed and the number of students who study in those schools at present, separately;
 - (v) whether there are schools that were closed down in the district since the present Chief Minister of Sabaragamuwa Province took his office;
 - (vi) if so, the names of the aforesaid schools; and
 - (vii) the action taken by the Ministry to utilize the resources of the schools that have been closed down ?
- (b) If not, why?

323/18

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the people whose livelihood is brass industry are quitting the industry at present;
 - (ii) there are problems relating to raw materials and market; and
 - (iii) this is an industry that can bring in a lot of foreign exchange to the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether brass products are exported;
 - (ii) if so, the income earned from exporting brass products in 2015;
 - (iii) if not exported, whether steps will be taken to export such products; and
 - (iv) if so, the date from which it will be done?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the government has taken steps to expand the domestic market for the brass industry; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

421/18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) how many places of archaeological interest are located in the Jaffna District;
 - (ii) in how many places conservation activities are being carried out of the aforesaid sites;
 - (iii) what amounts were allocated in the years 2015 and 2016 for this purpose, separately;
 - (iv) what places of archaeological interest were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists;

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- (v) if an assessment of such destructions has been done, what the estimated value is in respect of each site separately.
 - (vi) whether legal measures have been taken in respect of these destructions; and
 - (vii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

430/18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that among the people who are living in Anuradhapura District—
- (i) most of them are engaged in farming activities during a more of the year;
 - (ii) use agro-wells to obtain water for farming; and
 - (iii) face a scarcity of water or find the aforesaid agro-wells are on the verge of collapse due to the fact that they have not been renovated for a long period of time?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether any programme has been arranged to renovate the aforesaid agro-wells; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid programme will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

444/18

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House as at 09.01.2015 and as at 30. 06. 2017—
- (i) the number of Sri Lanka Navy camps established in Jaffna district;
 - (ii) the total number of officers and soldiers who were deployed in those camps; and
 - (iii) the name of each camp, the name of the Divisional Secretariat Division in which the camps were established, the officers and the soldiers attached to those camps separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House from 09. 01.2015 to 30. 06. 2017—
- (i) the number of Navy camps that have been removed; and
 - (ii) the number of officers and soldiers who have been removed from the service in those Navy camps?
- (c) Will he further inform this House whether he admits that the removal of Navy camps and the officers and the soldiers who are serving in those camps in Jaffna district is a great threat to the national security?
- (d) If not, why?

456/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

497/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that an audit query dated 18. 10. 2016 has been issued on Department of Education of Uva Province in respect of year 2015 and 2016;
 - (ii) if so, whether he submits the particulars in section 2 b,c,d,e and f and the paragraph 3 of the audit query in respect of the school based management and teacher training programs which were held in Thailand and Philippine;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken against the officials who are connected with certain malpractices, corrupt activities and illegal activities occurred there; and
 - (iv) if so, of aforesaid measures?
- (b) If not, why?

1127/18

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the bursaries is provided for to all the students who got through the grade five scholarship examination in the year 2016;
 - (ii) of the monthly bursaries provided to each student;
 - (iii) of the total amount of money monthly spent on the bursaries;
 - (iv) whether the bursary payment has been made with pertinence to the year 2016; and
 - (v) of the month up to which the bursaries has been paid in the year 2017?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether any other requisites are applicable to be eligible for the scholarship in addition to passing the grade five scholarship examination;
 - (ii) if so, what those requisites are;
 - (iii) of the year in which the criteria relevant to the aforesaid requisites have been formulated;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide the scholarship to all the students who get through the grade five scholarship examination irrespective of other additional requisites; and
 - (v) if so, what that date is?
- (c) If not, why?

1128/18

Hon. S. Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House Separately by Department of Sri Lanka Railways from year 2012 to 2016—
- (i) of the total income earned; and
 - (ii) of the income earned from Northern and Eastern provinces?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) Separately, of the number of main and sub railway stations situated in Northern and Eastern provinces;
 - (ii) of the number of main and sub railway stations situated between Kankasanthurei to Vavuniya of Northern province;
 - (iii) of the number of main and sub railway stations situated between Medawachchiya to Talaimannar; and
 - (iv) separately, of the number of employees who work in Sinhala and Tamil medium out of the Station Masters and the employees who are serving in the Railway Stations of Northern and Eastern provinces?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) of the destinations to which trains with first class sleeping berths operate; and
 - (ii) of the reason for not having first class sleeping berths in Jaffna bound trains?
- (d) If not why?

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there was an agreement to operate using Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for a period of one year the power plant built in Kerawalapitiya which is currently operated with Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO);
 - (ii) whether that agreement has been breached;
 - (iii) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of breaching that agreement;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that action is being taken in contravention to the agreement entered into with respect to the pricing of a unit of electricity supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board through that power plant;
 - (v) of the measures taken to ensure that the company supplying electricity would act in compliance with the agreement; and
 - (vi) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of not acting in compliance with that agreement?
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, August 07, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of approved cadre as M.R.I. Examination Officers of the Kandy Hospital;
 - (ii) of the number of officers currently employed in the aforesaid post;
 - (iii) of the names of the aforementioned officers;
 - (iv) of the number of vacancies prevalent at present; and
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill these vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

51/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he will explain the manner in which the amount of 10,000 million rupees allocated for the implementation of the Advanced Digitalization Programme as per proposal No. 193 of the 2016 budget was utilized in the year 2016;
 - (ii) whether a list of the persons and the institutions that obtained benefits out of the aforesaid budget proposal will be submitted along with a detailed report of the amount of financial allocations obtained;
 - (iii) whether the money which could not be utilized out of the amount of 10,000 million rupees allocated by the 2016 budget will be utilized in the year 2017; and
 - (iv) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (b) If not, why?

138/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the names of Grama Niladhari divisions in Matale district where permanent Samurdhi officers are serving;
 - (ii) of the number and names of Grama Niladhari divisions where Samurdhi officer vacancies exist; and
 - (iii) of the measures to be taken by the Ministry to fill those vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

167/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of schools with G.C.E (Advanced Level) Biology and Mathematics streams; and
 - (ii) separately, in respect of each subject, of the required number of teachers, available number of teachers and the teacher vacancies?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the reasons led for the shortage of teachers in G.C.E (Advanced Level) science stream?
- (c) If not, why?

204/'18

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House, of—

- (i) the names;
- (ii) educational qualifications;
- (iii) professional qualifications;
- (iv) salaries and allowances;
- (v) facilities for the staff; and
- (vi) other facilities including vehicles;

of the advisors, coordinators and project directors recruited to the Lanka Mineral Sands Ltd., during the period of 18.09.2015 to 31.07.2017?

(b) If not, why?

223/'18

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) about 270 families in five villages named Puduvilankulam, Pootkulam, Kunjukulam, Mannakulam and Kollar Puliyankulam in the Mankulam Grama Niladhari Division in Nedunkerni Divisional Secretariat Division in Vavuniya have been resettled in 2010;
- (ii) these villages are bordered to Mullaitivu and Vavuniya districts;
- (iii) these people have faced severe hardships due to the lack of basic facilities from the day they were resettled; and
- (iv) these people have faced various difficulties due to the non-existence of access roads to the A9 road and unavailability of guarded level crossings for the roads that run across the railway tracks in the village?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to provide basic facilities to those villages; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which those facilities will be given?

(c) If not, why?

249/'18

Hon. Heshan Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House –
 - (i) it is admitted that there is a teacher shortage in the schools of Sabaragamuwa Province;
 - (ii) if so, number of teacher vacancies according to each subject separately;
 - (iii) expedited measures that will be taken to fill the teacher vacancies; and
 - (iv) it is admitted that teacher transfer procedure applicable for provincial schools is not implemented properly in Sabaragamuwa Province?
- (b) If not, why ?

324/'18

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people who have made their living on bambo products industry are currently leaving that industry;
 - (ii) there are problems in regard to raw materials and the market; and
 - (iii) this industry could bring a huge amount of foreign exchange to the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether bambo products are exported;
 - (ii) if so, the income earned from it in the year 2015;
 - (iii) if the aforesaid products are not exported, whether action will be taken to export those products; and
 - (iv) if so, when it will be done?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken steps to broaden the market required for the bambo industry in the country; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps?
- (d) If not, why?

431/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the access roads to the villages of Elikimbulawala, Thimbiriathhawala and Mawathawewa belonging to the Horoupathana Divisional Secretariat Division are in an extremely dilapidated state; and
 - (ii) the villages constantly request that the said roads be immediately reconstructed?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not reconstructing these roads; and
 - (ii) of the date on which these roads would be reconstructed?
- (c) If not, why?

457/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

498/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of projects that are being implemented at present under the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports;
 - (ii) the name and objects of each project and the area covered, separately as per Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iii) the number of employees recruited for each of the said projects; and
 - (iv) the recruitment procedure followed in relation to those employees?
- (b) If not, why?

532/18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Social Welfare and Primary Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that impoverished people who wander about without a place to live and sleep rough have to face very tragic situations during days with rain storms; and
 - (ii) whether he will take steps to construct temporary wayside shelters or “Ambalam” for such helpless poor people in Colombo and other main cities through the local government institutions?
- (b) If not, why?

557/18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of fisheries families residing in the Baththalangunduwa fisheries village of Kalpitiya;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the said fisheries community is faced with a severe issue of getting drinking water; and
 - (iii) if so, of the steps that will be taken to solve the issue of water faced by the said community?
- (b) If not, why?

579/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that cultivations such as mango, cashew, guava, papaw and pomegranate as well as coconut which are the major cultivations that farmers residing in Yapahuwa, Polpithigama, Ibbagamuwa, Madahapola and Ambalanda areas depend on, get heavily affected by wild animals such as giant squirrels, monkeys, wild boar, porcupines and peacocks; and
 - (ii) of the steps taken by the Ministry to safeguard the agricultural produce of the aforementioned farmers from wild animals?
- (b) If not, why?

965/18

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the causeway in Radapola, Paragasankada, Wellavaya in the Moneragala district has been constructed by the Uva provincial council;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on the aforesaid causeway;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that a loss of Rs.1874952.44 has incurred as the aforesaid causeway got damaged prior to the lapse of even six months from its construction since it has not been constructed at the specific location;

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- (iv) whether disciplinary action has been taken against the relevant irresponsible officers who have contributed to the aforesaid loss incurred by not following the instructions of Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services) of the Uva Province and not acting in accordance with the estimates formulated, as per the recommendations of the Public Services Commission of the Uva Province;
 - (v) whether arrangements have been made to recover money from them; and
 - (vi) if so, of the measures taken with pertinence to the said matter?
- (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, August 08, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

52/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of surety provided to those engaged in the Prawn Industry under the Surety Fund for small and medium scale enterprises and the relevant value, as per proposal number 152 of Budget 2016;
 - (ii) whether a register of names of prawn farmers, breeders and planners who received benefits as per the above proposal will be submitted; and
 - (iii) of the contribution that will be made by the Ministry of Finance for the promotion of Prawn Industry within the year 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

168/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Nutritionist attached to the government hospitals at present;
 - (ii) the number of vacancies available in that field ; and
 - (iii) as to why arrangements are not made to recruit the graduates who have completed the four year degree of Food Science and Nutrition that has been recognized by the Medical Council of Sri Lanka and the Medical College Council of Sri Lanka to this post?
- (b) If not, why?

205/18

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the foreign tours that His Excellency the President engaged in, within the year 2015; and
 - (ii) of the names and the designations of the individuals who participated in each of the aforesaid foreign tours and, separately, of the expenditure borne by the government and semi government institutions on aforesaid individuals?
- (b) If not, why?

250/18

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the profit earned or the loss incurred by the Sevenagala sugar factory during last 10 years, separately each year;
 - (ii) of the number of permanent and casual staff employed in this factory separately; and
 - (iii) the measures taken in the last few years to increase the production of this factory?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) it is admitted that a well qualified and proper management is required to achieve a higher production from this factory; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures expected to be taken in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

325/18

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,- To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people whose livelihood in reed industry are quitting the industry at present;
 - (ii) there are problems relating to raw materials and market; and
 - (iii) this is an industry that can bring in a lot of foreign exchange to the country?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether reed products are exported;
 - (ii) if so, the income earned from exporting reed products in 2015;
 - (iii) if not exported, whether steps will be taken to export such products; and
 - (iv) if so, the date from which it will be done?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken steps to expand the domestic market for the reed industry; and
 - (ii) if so, what these steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

389 / '18

Hon. K. Cader Masthan,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) that the people of Musali Divisional Secretariat Division were oppressed by the floods that occurred due to overflow of Malwathu Oya;
 - (ii) of the total number of families victimized;
 - (iii) of the total amount that the government allocated for relief measures;
 - (iv) of the amount of money provided for each family as relief out of aforesaid allocation; and
 - (v) of the number of families for which the relief was granted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the institution/person directed to contribute the compensation by the Musali Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) of the name, address and business of the institution or person; and
 - (iii) of the details of cheques issued to relevant institution or person?
- (c) If not, why?

445/18

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of families whose lands and property would be lost as a result of the development of Wadduwa-Moronthuduwa road of Kalutara District from Wadduwa junction to Moronthuduwa junction;
 - (ii) of their names, addresses, extent of land dispossessed and the nature of property;
 - (iii) whether the said lands and property have been by now assessed in order to compensate the said families; and
 - (iv) if so, of the number of families proposed to be compensated, their names, addresses and the amount of compensation to be paid?
- (b) If not, why?

499/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the persons who administer the Local Government Authorities including the Pradeshiya Sabhas since they have been dissolved by now;
 - (ii) the names and designations of the aforesaid persons;
 - (iii) the number of pool of vehicles of the Local Government Authorities;
 - (iv) whether the vehicles owned by the LGAA have been given to other institutions since the local government are functioning without the representatives;
 - (v) if so, the names of the institutions and persons to whom the vehicles have been given; and
 - (vi) if the vehicles have been given illegally, the steps that will be taken in that regard by the Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?
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